With the help of American Legion Post 304 and Bullfrogz Restaurant, Veterans Day was observed by Kennesaw city officials with the offering of a free lunch at the Community Center for area vets. Mayor Mathews and Mayor Allegood from Acworth were on hand to greet and mingle with vets past and present. Over 200 servicemembers enjoyed food and comradery at the annual event which was also sponsored by Chick-fil-A, Crank House Coffee and Balloons by Bernadette. Special guests were Clayton Ezell, a Pearl Harbor survivor and Bill Hixenbaugh who served at Guadalcanal. Members of the local high school Navy JROTC units took advantage of the rare opportunity to speak with World War II veterans.

In his remarks, Mayor Mathews said, "We pay tribute to the courage it took to make heroes out of ordinary people. We want to take a moment to thank our veterans for their service. They gave all they had to give and we owe them more than we could ever repay."

